



# TARGET BOARD



Newsletter of the Meeker Sportsman Club, Inc.

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## NORTH WEST OHIO RIFLE LEAGUE

League matches are well underway, but that doesn't mean it's too late to join in. If you have an interest in small bore rifle competition our team would be glad to have you. Matches are held on Tuesdays and are alternated between the clubs that participate. To find out more call Marshall.

## TURKEY SHOOT & POTLUCK

**February 20<sup>th</sup>** – This event is open to the public. Paper targets are shot with Top Gun #9, 12 gauge shells at a distance of 60 feet. Closest to the X wins unless someone completely takes out the dot. If you don't have something to shoot there's always someone willing to share. Barrels must not be longer than 32 inches with .675 minimum choke. Cost is \$3 for meat rounds and \$5 for money rounds with 75% payback. Shells are provided by the club. Bringing a dish for the potluck is not required. Shooting is not required. Come to shoot or just get together, eat, play cards or whatever! Doors open at 4:30, shooting starts at 6pm.

**MILITARY & RIMFIRE SPORTER MATCHES** will run once a month, May through September, 5/16, 6/19, 7/18, 8/21, 9/19. We'll send a flyer out soon or you can get information on line at the google group. Some of the dates will coincide with the gun show and archery matches, with three public events going on at the same time it's a good time to bring your friends to the club.

## ARCHERY

Indoor practice continues through March on Wednesdays from 5 to 7pm. Regular 3D Archery will be held from 9am till noon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday every month May through September. All 3D events require setting targets prior to the event and putting them away afterwards. Set-up for regular 3D events will start at 4pm the Saturday prior to the shoot. Removing targets will begin immediately following the event, usually about 12:30 or when the last shooter leaves the course. We always need help! Please remember that shooting the course when it is set up for an event is allowed ONLY during the hours the event is being held.

## IBO QUALIFIER

April 24 & 25 will be the IBO World Qualifier. If you're not into archery, this is an event archers from across the state and beyond attend to qualify for an invitation to the IBO World Championship (International Bowhunter's Organization). The event will include two 15 target courses in the woods, archery vendors and food. Saturday will run 8am to 4pm and Sunday 8am till noon.

## BOWLING PIN MATCHES

There's been quite a bit of interest in starting a league or at least some competitive pin matches with nearby clubs. An attempt is being made to make this happen. If this is something you would like to see or participate in contact Zak 614-325-1455 or Bill 740-528-2779. Suggestions are welcome!

## ODNR GRANT

We were fortunate to qualify for the Wildlife Conservation Sponsorship Agreement Program offered by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife. The grants go toward our Fishing Derby, Hunter's Ed and Family Outdoor Sporting Day programs. This means we don't have to scrounge for sponsors... not that we wouldn't like to have some! The free programs help educate and offer outdoor sporting opportunities to the public, which in turn can help increase membership and participation in the club. With grants totaling \$1500 we'll be able to put on even better events this year!

## Dear Fellow Members;

The dates below are when we NEED you at the club. **Seriously!!** Grants are great but the money is useless if no one works the events or helps with getting ready and cleaning up!

Let's start with **Clean-up Day, Apr. 10<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am** – (rain date Apr 17) While members are required to clean up after themselves, that doesn't always happen. Dead trees and limbs don't walk off the premises, paths don't clear themselves and trash doesn't jump into the dumpster. It is us, the members, who have to pitch in and do the work! Maybe you joined the club just to use the range and sight in your rifle, but if you don't pitch in and do your part, that range may not be there next year! We've scheduled clean-up day just prior to the IBO Qualifier to help get things ready for that event.

Next is the **IBO Set-Up Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 am** - 30 targets must be set, benches and water stations set-up, kitchen and bathrooms cleaned, caution tape, signs and banners put out, vendor set-up etc., etc., etc. FYI - if you have a 4-wheeler bring it, there's a lot of ground to cover!

**Qualifier Apr. 24 & 25** – This is the third year we've been authorized by the IBO to put on this event. The last two years each brought in about \$1400 (that pays almost half the clubs insurance!). Registration tables require at least two people both days. Targets and target numbers must be checked throughout the event to ensure they haven't been moved, water stations refilled, trash emptied, unforeseen details attended to throughout the day. There needs to be several people in the kitchen at all times, cooking and serving, restocking pop and snacks. Food donations are needed! Then comes cleaning it all up – removing targets, signs, banners etc. There is no rain date for the Qualifier, it happens rain or shine!

Now lets get to the **Fishing Derby Jun. 5<sup>th</sup>** - (rain date Jun 12) I guarantee you'll have as much fun as the kids! Helping them reel in that fish and getting it off the hook puts an awesome smile on their face! Times haven't been determined yet but we need at least 4 canopy 'stations' set up around the pond. Stations need to be manned by at least three people with bait, rulers, water buckets and logs to keep track of who caught what. Many kids show up with parents who have never fished and need help with every aspect of fishing. We'll serve a snack or possibly lunch and need help in the kitchen. Fishing is one of the easiest ways to get kids involved in the outdoors.

Last but not least **Family Outdoor Sporting Day Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>** – Kids, parents, grandparents and individuals all trying their hand at different shooting sports, many for the very first time. This opportunity can change someone's opinion about firearms and make a difference in the future of shooting sports. Typically over 70 people attend this event, at no cost. That's a lot of people who are unfamiliar with firearms. We want to ensure the best, and safest, experience possible which means we need LOTS of help. From helping with actual shooting to generally keeping an eye on wandering kids this event takes a lot of people. If you have an idea for a hands-on experience or demonstration for the event we'd love to hear about it. Times for the event are pending.

Organizing these events takes time, we need to know in what way you can help and we need to know ahead of time. It's hard to plan something when you don't know what you're working with. Remember, as a member of this club you are an owner. You share in the responsibility of ensuring it's continued existence. Do your part by taking at least ONE day out of the year to help. We struggle to make ends meet, membership dues do not come close to cover operating expenses. Events can generate memberships so that we don't have to raise dues! If you can help in any way we need to know a.s.a.p. !!

Sincerely, Linda Tubbs 740-361-7281

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**REMINDER:** Turkey Hunt Lottery Drawings take place at the February meeting. Entries will be taken up until the actual drawing.

**TRUSTEE & OFFICERS**

Trustees elected for a new three year term were:  
Charlie Schnitzler, Brian Ratliff and Denny Tubbs. The terms run from 2010 through 2012. Officers will be appointed at the February meeting.  
**NOTICE TO TRUSTEES & OFFICERS :** Officers and trustees are obligated to attend meetings. Occasionally circumstances arise that prevent attendance. If you are unable to attend the meeting for any reason it is your responsibility to let someone know.



**GUN SHOWS** continue on the 3rd Sunday of the month, tables have been full with quite a variety of firearms, accessories and even some ammo. Free spaces, free Admission. Gun Show will include an outdoor Flea Market May through September. Money from food sales and donations go towards the new 400 yard range so come for lunch!

**VARMINT RIFLE MATCHES** will run the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday every month April through October at 10am. For more information call Jim or Denny.